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American radicals have strong feelings against SLA

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Paranoia. Suspicion. Contempt. Hatred. Apathy.

There are a lot of words used by American radicals in reaction to the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), which says it kidnapped Patricia Hearst and assassinated Oakland Superintendent of Schools Marcus Foster. Few are favorable.

Here are two:

"The Nixon Administration would like nothing better than for us to believe these are the kinds of things revolutionaries and community activists do,"

— Janet Cooper, a West Coast radical activist.

"There is no doubt that the SLA is a CIA front," — The National Caucus of Labor Committee.

Left-wing antipathy for the

SLA comes from just about every group of note except the almost nonexistent Weatherpeople. One of their leaders, Bernardine Dohrn, said from hiding that the group's actions were revolutionary and thus could "teach and strengthen."

The disdain covers a spectrum from activists in Berkeley who have elected four radicals to the city council; to traditional Communists like Angela Davis; to old new leftists like Jerry Rubin; through the newer National Caucus of Labor Committee,

which thinks just about everyone is a front for the CIA; to Maoists; to the Black Panthers, who say chairman Huey P. Newton is on the SLA "hit list" for denouncing the Hearst kidnaping and the Foster shooting.

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